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SUBJ: CONVERSATION ON NARCOTICS WITH GOE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT

1. SUMMARY - EMBOFF AND AID PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER CALLED ON GOE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT REAR ADMIRAL ALFREDO POVEDA FEBRUARY 6 TO REVIEW NARCOTICS MATTERS AND PRESS FOR GREATER GOE INTERDICTION EFFORT. POVEDA TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND RESPONDED POSITIVELY, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS. HE ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GOE PURCHASE OF FOUR US HELICOPTERS FOR USE BY POLICE, TWO OF WHICH WOULD BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF AND USAID PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER CALLED ON MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT REAR ADMIRAL ALFREDO POVEDA FEBRUARY 6 TO REVIEW NARCOTICS MATTERS AND PRESS FOR GREATER GOE ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT. SPECIFICALLY, WE URGED POVEDA TO ASSIGN MORE RESOURCES BOTH HUMAN AND MATERIEL TO THE POLICE SPECIAL NARCOTICS UNITS, TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THOSE POLICE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE HAD US DRUG ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, AND WHO ARE NOT PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK, AND TO CONCERN HIMSELF MORE WITH THE PRESENTLY SLOPPY CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AT ECUADOR'S AIRPORTS AND MARINE TERMINALS. USAID PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER ALSO PRESENTED
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LIST OF EXAMPLES OF GOE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LAST YEAR'S

PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND A NUMBER OF OTHER INDICATORS THAT GOE
NOT ATTACHING SUFFICIENTLY HIGH PRIORITY TO THE PROBLEM OF
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC.

3. POVEDA'S RESPONSE WAS FRIENDLY AND OSTENSIBLY POSITIVE. HE
TOOK COPIOUS NOTES AND PROMISED TO PROMPTLY LOOK INTO THE MATTERS
RAISED. HE EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF HIS PROBLEMS IN THE PAST HAD
SIMPLY BEEN THAT OF GETTING ENOUGH RSOUCES FOR ANY PART OF THE
NATIONAL POLICE, NOT TO MENTION THE NARCOTICS BRANCH. HE SAID
HE HOPED TO RESOLVE MANY OF HIS PERSONNEL AND MATERIEL PROBLEMS
IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WITH THE NEW BUDGET CYCLE. POVEDA
ALSO AGREED VIGOROUSLY THAT CUSTOMS AND PASSENGER HANDLING
PROCEDURES AT ECUADOREAN AIRPORTS AND MARINE TERMINALS NEEDED
SHAPING UP.

4. POVEDA, KNOWN FOR HIS PREFERENCE FOR US EQUIPMENT AND
WEAPONS, USED OCCASION OF MEETING WITH US OFFICIALS TO ASK
ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING FOUR AMERICAN HELICOPTERS FOR THE
ECUADOREAN POLICE. HE SAID CHOPPERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE RURAL
POLICE BATTALION STATIONED AT FLUMISA. TWO WOULD BE USED FOR
GENERAL POLICE PURPOSES (E.G. BORDER PATROL, ETC.) AND TWO WOULD
BE SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS WORK. IN LATTER INSTANCE,
POVEDA EXPLAINED, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO EFFECTIVELY
SURVEY SUSPECTED NARCOTICS CROP AREAS BY LAND OR FIXED WING
AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. POVEDA EMPHASIZED
THAT HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR A GRANT OF US EQUIPMENT, ALTHOUGH
HE WONDERED IF THERE WERE ANY CHANCE OF GETTING THE HELICOPTERS
AT A SPECIAL PRICE. MISSION OFFICERS RESPONDED THAT THEY WWOULD
LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTRY.

5. COMMENT: WE CANNOT BE CONFIDENT THAT OUR DEMARCHE TO POVEDA
WILL BRING ANY TANGIBLE RESULTS. WE WERE NONETHELESS MILDLY
ENCOURAGED BY HIS ATTENTIVE AND SEEMINGLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
AS FOR THE HELICOPTERS, WE SEE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO A
SALE TO THE MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSES STATED. WE
NEED MORE DETAILS, HOWEVER, AND USAID, PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION
AND DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WILL, THEREFORE, FOLLOW-UP FURTHER
WITH COORDINATOR OF MINISTER.
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